AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims indicating the current status of each claim and including amendments currently entered as highlighted.

1 -30. (Canceled)

31. (New)   A method for image-based matchmaking of a searcher and prospective candidates, the method comprising:

    (a)   providing an image of each of the candidates;

    (b)   analyzing said image of each the candidates to define physical characteristics;

    (c)   storing said physical characteristics;

    (d)   selecting at least one potential match between the searcher and said candidates based on said characteristics, and

    (e)   providing at least one referee by the searcher,

wherein said at least one referee is a potential searcher.

32. (New)   The method of claim 31, wherein said selecting is performed using at least one pre-defined selection criterion.

33. (New)   The method of claim 32, wherein said selecting is performed by a computer.

34. (New)   The method of claim 33, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes a criterion of like physical characteristics between the searcher and the prospective candidates.

35. (New)   The method of claim 33, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes a selection criterion based on correlative data on matching preferences.

36. (New)   The method of claim 33, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes at least one selection preference obtained from the searcher.

37. (New)   The method of claim 31, wherein said image is constructed from a set of physical appearance information of one of the candidates.

38. (New)   The method of claim 37, wherein each said set of physical appearance information is obtained from a questionnaire pertaining to one of the candidates.

39. (New)   The method of claim 38, wherein said questionnaire provides physical profile building information.

40. (New)   The method of claim 39, further comprising:

(f)   building and displaying a physical profile for each said potential match.

41. (New)   The method of claim 31, wherein said analyzing said image includes quantification of said physical characteristics.

42. (New)   A method for image-based matchmaking of a searcher and prospective candidates, the method comprising:

(a)   providing an image of each of the candidates;

(b)   analyzing said image of each the candidates to define physical characteristics;

(c)   storing said physical characteristics;

(d)   selecting at least one potential match between the searcher and said candidates based on said characteristics, and

(e)   providing at least one referee by the searcher,

wherein said at least one referee is a prospective candidate.

43. (New)   The method of claim 42, wherein said selecting is performed using at least one pre-defined selection criterion.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein said selecting is performed by a computer.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes a criterion of like physical characteristics between the searcher and the prospective candidates.

46. (New) A method for image-based matchmaking of a searcher and prospective candidates, the method comprising:

(a) providing an image of each of the candidates;

(b) analyzing said image of each the candidates to define physical characteristics;

(c) storing said physical characteristics;

(d) selecting at least one potential match between the searcher and said candidates based on said characteristics;

(e) providing at least one referee by the searcher, and

(f) specifying a gender of said at least one referee.

47. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein said providing an image of each of the candidates is accomplished by filling out a form.

48. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said form is a questionnaire.

49. (New)   The method of claim 47, wherein said form is filled out by the subscriber to a system based on said matchmaking method.

50. (New)   The method of claim 46, wherein said analyzing said image includes quantification of said physical characteristics.

51. (New)   The method of claim 50, wherein said analyzing of said physical characteristics is carried out according to a degree of likeness.

52. (New)   A method for image-based matchmaking of a searcher and prospective candidates, the method comprising:

(a)   providing an image of each of the candidates;

(b)   analyzing said image of each the candidates to define physical characteristics;

(c)   storing said physical characteristics;

(d)   selecting at least one potential match between the searcher and said candidates based on said characteristics;

(e)   providing at least one referee by the searcher, and

(f)   providing information on the searcher by said at least one referee.

53. (New)   The method of claim 52, wherein said information is selected from the group of information consisting of verbal and written information.

54. (New)   The method of claim 52, wherein said information is a recommendation of the searcher.

55. (New)   The method of claim 52, wherein said selecting is performed using at least one pre-defined selection criterion.

56. (New)   The method of claim 55, wherein said selecting is performed by a computer.

57. (New)   The method of claim 57, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes a criterion of like physical characteristics between the searcher and the prospective candidates.

58. (New)   The method of claim 57, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes a selection criterion based on correlative data on matching preferences.

59. (New)   The method of claim 57, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes at least one selection preference obtained from the searcher.

60. (New)   The method of claim 55, wherein said image is constructed from a set of physical appearance information of one of the candidates.